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Killings and Kidnappings in J & K

5840. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of killings and kidnappings of innocent persons by the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir have increased recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons kidnapped in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years;

(c) the number of kidnaped persons killed, got released and still under militants detention during the said period and the number of terrorists released in lieu thereof; and

(d) the details of the concrete steps being taken by the Government to make the security forces more strong to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). While the abductions have gone up, the number of persons killed in terrorist violence remains quiet high.

2. The State Government has informed that the total number of persons abducted in 1989,1990, and 1991 (upto 15.8.91) are 1,169 and 192 respectively. Of them 67 were killed in 1990 and 36 in 1991. 4 persons are still in captivity of the terrorists.

3. 15 arrested terrorists were released in exchange of release of abducted persons.

(d) Additional powers have been vested in security forces and they have been appropriately equipped. Their deployment has been increased and patrolling intensified.

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Opening of Post Offices in certain Districts of Uttar Pradesh

5841. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices opened in Varanasi, Ghazipur and Jaunpur districts of Uttar Pradesh during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to open new post offices in these districts during 1991-92 and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS:(SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The information is furnished as under:-

District	*No. of post offices opened during*		
	1988-89	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
1. Varanasi	6	1	13
2. Ghazipur	5	1	13
3. Jaunpur	2	-	16